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Application Number: 10/812,893) Examiner
Filed: March 31, 2004) Bradley, Matthew A.
For: DISK ARRAY APPARATUS AND DISK ARRAY)
APPARATUS CONTROLLING METHOD)
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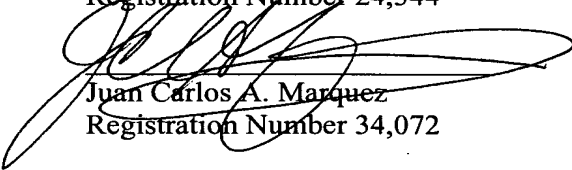
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INTERVIEW SUMMARY

Hereinbelow is a summary of the personal interview conducted with the Examiner in connection with the above-referenced application.

Interview Date: January 11, 2007
Interview Time: Telephonic
Attendees: Examiner Matthew A Bradley, Jennifer Teng
Matter Discussed: Amended Claims 1-23; and
US Pub. No. 2003/0212859 of Ellis et al.
Exhibits shown: none

Discussion/Agreements Reached:

Applicants' representative and the Examiner discussed the amendments to claims 1, 8, 10, 13 and 20 filed in the response to the first Office Action of October 10, 2006. Applicants' representative presented to the Examiner how the claims as amended distinguish over the prior art, in particular the reference to Ellis et al. The Examiner kindly agreed that the amended claims appeared to overcome the prior art of record, and he will call if he found any new grounds of rejections.

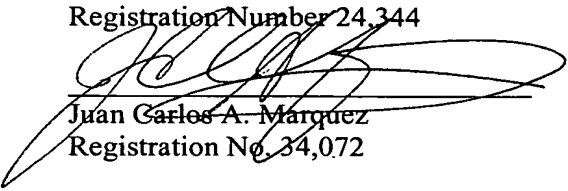
Conclusion

Applicants respectfully thank the Examiner for his consideration in conducting the above-discussed telephone interview with the Applicants' undersigned representative. The Examiner is respectfully requested to acknowledge receipt and consideration of this Interview Summary. Should

there be any outstanding issues requiring discussion that would further the prosecution and allowance of the above-captioned application, the Examiner is invited to contact the Applicant's undersigned representative at the address and phone number indicated below.

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